

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee

March 6, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference, via Teams

Dr. Mark McCann, Chair

Committee Members Present: Mark McCann, Cathy Scott, Chris Burkett, Kelly Harrison, Erin Hamel, Marla Sanders, Lisa Stockdale, James Ritter, Jennifer Wise, Stephen Bismarck, Julie Fernandez, and Candice Moore

Committee Members Absent: Gretchen Whitman

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member Present: Lishu Yin

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Present: Jacki Walsh, Russell Clark and Jessica McLees

I. Overview

a. Meeting called to order

Mark McCann called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

b. Quorum of members determined

Mark McCann confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.

c. Welcome from the Chair

Mark McCann offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.

d. Approval of the Agenda

Chris Burkett made a motion to approve the agenda. Julie Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the February Meeting Minutes

Cathy Scott made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. James Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a.** On February 16, 2026, USC Beaufort submitted a new program proposal for a MAT in Biology. The proposal will go through the external peer review

process, PRC review, and ultimate approval of the State Board of Education.

- b. On March 2, 2026, Coker University submitted the Response to Conditions Report for the BS in Biology program. This will be shared with the PRC in April and slated for a June decision.
- c. On March 3, 2026, the South Carolina Public Charter School District notified the SCDE of their decision to add Lead Academy as a 2026-27 site.
- d. In the May 2026 meeting, the PRC will vote on the 2026-27 meeting dates, as well as select the Chair elect.

III. New Program Proposal (March approval item)

- a. Clemson University, BS in Science - Chemistry and BS in Science – Physics

After much discussion the PRC voted to approve Clemson University's BS, Science-Chemistry and BS, Science-Physics programs.

IV. New Alternative Certification Route Program Proposal (March approval item)

- a. Lexington School District Two, Champions Pathway to Alternative Certification for Teachers (CPACT)

Dr. Tammy Small, Coordinator of Staffing, Credentialing, & Alt Programs for Lexington 2, joined the PRC to answer questions. After much discussion the PRC voted to approve the proposal with conditions. The PRC offered feedback to the program and expects to review the proposal again. Jennifer Wise and Candice Moore abstained from the vote.

V. Initial Reports (March approval items)

The PRC reviewed the following initial program reports and rendered the following decisions:

- a. College of Charleston
 - i. MAT, Multilingual Learner Program (ESOL), *state recognition*
 - b. Converse University
 - i. BA and MAT, Elementary, *state recognition with conditions*
 - ii. MAT, English, *further development required*
 - iii. MAT, Social Studies, *further development required*
- Kelly Harrison abstained from the votes.

- iv. M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision, *state recognition*
Kelly Harrison and Lisa Stockdale abstained from the vote.

VI. Response to Conditions Report (March approval items)

The PRC reviewed the following response to conditions program reports and rendered the following decisions:

- a. Clemson University
 - i. BS, BA, MAT, and MAT Teacher Residency, Mathematics, *state recognition*
- b. Erskine College
 - i. BS, Special Education: Multi-categorical (PK only), *state recognition*

VII. New Business

CHE will hold their annual symposium on June 10 and 11 at Clemson University.

VIII. Good of the Order

Chris Burkett made the motion. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.